



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6407

LCO No. 2949

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE
SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
4 expended by it in furnishing food, wearing apparel, medical or
5 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
6 soldiers, sailors or marines who (1) performed service in time of war,
7 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, in any branch of the
8 military service of the United States, including the Connecticut
9 National Guard, or [who] were engaged in any of the wars waged by
10 the United States during said periods in the forces of any government
11 associated with the United States, [who] (2) have been honorably
12 discharged therefrom or honorably released from active service
13 therein, [and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the
14 time of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the
15 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, or to their
16 spouses who are living with them, or to their widows or widowers
17 who were living with them at the time of death, or dependent children

18 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same] and (3)
 19 were citizens or resident aliens of the state upon application for and
 20 while in receipt of assistance under this section. The spouses living
 21 with such soldiers, sailors and marines, the widows or widowers who
 22 were living with such soldiers, sailors and marines at the time of death
 23 of such soldiers, sailors and marines, or dependent children under
 24 eighteen years of age of such soldiers, sailors and marines, shall
 25 receive payments under this section. All such payments shall be made
 26 by the American Legion under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws
 27 shall set forth the procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid,
 28 provided payments made for the care and treatment of any person
 29 entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at any hospital receiving
 30 aid from the General Assembly unless special care and treatment are
 31 required, shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-239,
 32 and provided the sum expended for the care or treatment of such
 33 person at any other place than a state-aided hospital shall in no case
 34 exceed the actual cost of supporting such person at the Veterans'
 35 Home, unless special care and treatment are required, when such sum
 36 as may be determined by the treasurer of such organization may be
 37 paid therefor. The treasurer of such organization shall account to the
 38 Governor and the General Assembly during the months of January,
 39 April, July and October for all moneys disbursed by it during the three
 40 months next preceding the first day of either of said months, and such
 41 account shall show the amount of and the name and address of each
 42 person to whom such aid has been furnished. Upon the completion of
 43 the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal fund shall revert
 44 to the State Treasury.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	27-140
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide that assistance to veterans under section 27-140 of the general statutes is limited to such veterans who are residents of the state upon application for and while in receipt of said assistance.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]